

***Common Ground***

*vs.*

***Battleground***

On common ground  
we meet and talk;  
on the battleground  
we shout and confront.

On common ground  
we stand and join hands;  
on the battleground  
we make fists and fall.

On common ground  
we collaborate and move on;  
on the battleground  
we separate and dig in.

The battleground is for  
enmity and conflict;  
the common ground is for  
amity and consensus.

The battleground is for  
division and opposition;  
the common ground is for  
cohesion and cooperation.

The battleground is for  
destruction and desolation;  
the common ground is for  
cultivation and consolation.

On common ground,  
therefore,  
we find fertile soil  
for growth.  
On the battleground,  
however,  
there is only sterile earth  
for burial.

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